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For: Minimum Dead Volume Fitting)

AMENDMENT

Honorable Commissioner of Patents
and Trademarks
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action, the statutory period for response to which was reset to start three months from October 5, 1993, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 19 as follows:

B1 19. (Amended) A face sealing fitting comprising a gasket and at least one tubular member, said tubular member having an inner diameter and an annular sealing bead projecting from a radial end wall of said tubular member, the annular sealing bead having, in axial cross section, a rounded outer profile shaped and positioned to engage said gasket to form a high pressure seal, and a rectilinear inner profile defining an open passageway within said tubular member adjacent to said gasket, [so that no more than minimum] whereby any dead volume [exists] in said fitting is minimized when a sealing condition exists in said fitting.

REMARKS

The indication by the examiner of allowable subject matter in claim 21 is gratefully acknowledged.

The examiner has disagreed with the applicant's indication that claims 1-11, 15, 16 and 18 read on the elected species of Figs. 1, 2, 5 and 6. It is believed that the disagreement between